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Letter dated 4 November 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Bahrain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the concern of the Government of the State of Bahrain regarding the act promulgated by the Islamic Republic of Iran on 27 May 1993 delimiting the marine areas of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Government of the State of Bahrain does not dispute the right of the Islamic Republic of Iran to delimit its marine areas but wishes to place on record its objection to those parts of the act of 1993 that are not in accordance with international law and practice. In particular, the State of Bahrain wishes to place on record its objection to those parts of the 1993 act that are not in accordance with the requirements of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea which made it incumbent on States to exercise their rights, jurisdiction and freedoms established in the Convention in a manner that does not constitute an abuse of right. Accordingly, the State of Bahrain does not recognize those parts of the act that are not in accordance with international law and practice, in particular the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda items 7, 10, 24 and 81.

(Signed) Jassim BUALLAY
Permanent Representative